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New weathervane

by Tom Daniels

The tower atop Washburn Shops, vacant for over a year and a half, is sprouting the use of what appears to be a new weathervane. Despite the abundance of rumors on campus, however, official sources have refused comment as to what shape the actual weathervane will take.

For several weeks now, workmen have been pouring over the aging Shops, scraping down woodwork, replacing copper stripping around the roof, and laying the preliminary groundwork for a major overhaul of the structure. Last Thursday, several students reported that they saw several of the men placing the rod and compass-like stand for what appeared to be a new weathervane atop the tower. Further investigation into this new development in the Arm & Hammer story has raised speculation that a new vane, perhaps a replica of the missing original, will be on campus before the end of the month.

As was reported in *Newspeak* last October 19, the Arm & Hammer weathervane, a landmark on the Hill since WPI opened in 1880, was stolen late in the Fall of 1975. At that time, it was hoped that it had been removed from the tower as a prank, by a fraternity or a class, but this hope is dim, at best, now that many of the students that were on campus at the time of the theft have graduated. President George Hazzard told *Newspeak* that the school had received a note several months after the weathervane had been stolen, demanding a ransom for its safe return. Instructions in the note specified a time and place to leave the money, but the note was received after the deadline given, precluding any possible attempts to make the payment. A picture enclosed in the same note showed the Arm & Hammer lying, relatively undamaged, in a grove of trees. There has been no further reported contact between the school and the antique rustlers.

President Hazzard, commenting in the October 19 story on the fate of the weathervane, said that it probably hadn't been sold, since it is too well known among collectors of such artifacts. As you may recall, the famous Fanueil Hall weathervane, a Boston landmark, was also stolen, but later recovered when thieves discovered that they couldn't sell it. Weathervane theft rings, as improbable as it may sound, are not uncommon in New England, where many older country homes have antique hand crafted vanes that are highly valued by antique collectors. Although nobody is quite sure, WPI's Arm & Hammer was probably made of gilded

copper sheets, which had been hammered in to the familiar shape by hand. After its disappearance, the school was put in touch with a craftsman who had sufficient expertise in the lost art to construct a replica. He told the school that a hand-made replica, modeled after photos and drawings of the original, would cost approximately \$1500.00. President Hazzard said that, while the replica could almost duplicate the original, it could never replace the Arm & Hammer in terms of "sentimental value."

Besides historic considerations, there is also the question of cost. "Frankly, WPI just can't afford to use operating funds to replace it," the President said. "We are reluctant to even suggest that anyone replace it as a gift to the college, since there are so many things far more urgently needed in our academic program, which gift money could provide."

At the time of the October interview, it was said that the Shops would be temporarily left without a weathervane. "We still hope that the original vane will come back to the campus," said Hazzard. He added that, if it became clear that the original was lost forever, the school would review the case, and decide for or against replacement. Apparently, despite the recent developments on the tower, this is still the official WPI opinion. Gardner T. Pierce, Director of Plant Services, said that, "We're putting up the stand, just in case they find the original. That's what we're still hoping for." Reliable sources close to the Washburn project, however, told this reporter that they planned to place a replica of the Arm & Hammer, "as exact as humanly possible a copy of the original," atop the Shops in time for the June 4 Commencement Exercises. They said that a WPI professor was working from photographs to make a scale drawing of the weathervane. This professor, when contacted by *Newspeak*, denied any knowledge of the mysterious project.

Thus, so far, there is only speculation as to what is actually going on atop Washburn Shops. Most faculty and staff that we spoke to supported the rumor that a private group and either donated a replica, or the money to construct one, to the school. There was almost no support for a rumor which said that the school had, in fact, recovered the original Arm & Hammer from its "vaneappers." It appears that we will have to await the end of May to get any further developments in the Case of The Copped Copper Weathervane.

Long appointed

Keil to resign

by Craig Vickery

Professor Thomas H. Keil is resigning as head of the Physics Department, a post he has held for the past five years. He will remain at WPI and will probably take on a heavier teaching load. When asked why he was resigning he said that when he had taken the job he had planned to step down in five years. It is currently the policy to cycle department heads every five years anyway, unless they are tenured.

"I took the job to implement the Plan," said Keil, "I think we're through that phase, partly anyway, and I think it's time to move onto other things. . . I feel there are more opportunities to move the Plan as faculty, not as department head." Although he doesn't have any research planned, he said "I'm looking forward to more freedom of choosing areas of interest than in the past."

Professor Robert Long will be replacing Keil as the new head of the department.

Long is currently the registrar for WPI and will be taking this position in addition to his duties as registrar. In order to do this many of his responsibilities will be absorbed by the staff. When asked if his double role will decrease his effectiveness Long said "I don't know. I don't see any conflict right now. I can, I think, divide my time up appropriately." Long also intends to teach on a half time basis.

Professor Long would like to maintain student-faculty relations and improve existing courses in the Physics Department. If the time and money is available he would like to try new innovations along the lines of the current WPI program. He also sees a need for physics lab experience. As of now the Physics Department does not offer a lab course with its introductory courses as the Chemistry Department does. Long believes that the two should not be separated as they now are.

Admissions for '81

by David C. Potter

According to John Brandon, Director of Admissions, there will be at the most, 610 to 615 entering freshpersons next year. So far, 592 people have sent in their confirmation deposits. The goal for this year was set at 590.

Of the entering freshpersons, Mr. Brandon estimated that 70 to 75 of the Class of '81 will be women. This is down from 88 women last year. This is contrary to speculation that more women would be entering next year than in previous ones.

Mr. Brandon stated that the required interview was very helpful to the student as well as the admissions office. When asked about the understanding of the Plan by entering freshmen he stated that he would

"like to think they have a better understanding."

Mr. Brandon also noted that Project Planning Day is very beneficial to entering freshman. It serves somewhat like "pre-orientation." Also, he stated that pattern of people are choosing liberal arts vs. engineering rather than WPI vs. RPI (as an example).

Mr. Brandon also felt that the present students are spreading the word about WPI. He felt that this was probably due to a "high morale" of students at WPI.

In the future Mr. Brandon hoped that word of mouth would reach "three to four hundred miles away." The word of mouth seems to be reaching 50 or 100 miles away.

SPREE DAY has been postponed

The Frisbee team will give an exhibition in Harrington Auditorium at 4:00 p.m. on May 10.

Commencement speaker

Dr. Jean Mayer has been selected to speak at the commencement honoring the class of '77 on June 4. He is President of Tufts University, and a world renowned nutritionist.

Dr. Mayer served as a White House and Congressional consultant on food and nutrition from 1969 until last summer. He is particularly noted for pioneering studies on obesity and the regulation of food intake. He was also a professor of nutrition at Harvard University, a consultant to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Children's Hospital in Boston. He has chaired international symposia, and has lectured throughout the world. Among his government appointments, he chaired the nutrition division of the 1971 White House conference on aging and was general coordinator of the U.S. Senate National Nutrition Policy Study of 1974. He was a

member of the Consumer Advisory Council under President Ford.

In making the selection this year, the original concept of a graduation was kept in mind. Tom Denny, Vice President for University Relations here at WPI, said "graduation is a celebration for the senior class, not a time for a politician to make a political speech." Many colleges this country have spent a great deal of time and effort to attract a famous national figure for commencement. As a result, many commencement speeches have been meaningless to the seniors. There are some who feel that graduation speeches should be made by a Dean or other person who has been close to the senior class for four years, so that his speech will be a meaningful one. Perhaps this will influence the selection of commencement speakers in years to come.

REHEARSAL for Commencement

Tuesday, May 17, 11 a.m.

Harrington

(Pub Open at Noon — Special Senior Day)



Photo by Tom Daniels

Editorials: Distorted logic

This Thursday, as has been noted here before, the student body at WPI will be asked to relinquish their vote for Social Committee chairman. In the letters column of this issue, we are accused of printing "rampant misinformation and distorted logic" in our editorial of April 26. We wish to point out at this time why these letters constitute more "distorted logic" than the opinion we presented previously.

When we stated that the challenge to our right to vote was coming from the Executive Council, we were correct. It does not matter where the "initial thrust" came from, as Mr. Kent states; the fact is that the power of choice would be transferred to the Executive Council, and that is where the challenge is coming from. As to the "criticisms of a Social Committee clique", has it occurred to Mr. Kent that there would be more foundation to these criticisms if the chairmen was appointed rather than elected? It is the right of any student to join the Social Committee at any time; this, if anywhere, is where the "clique" is likely to form. By making the position of Social Committee chairman appointed we open the possibility of a chairman appointed at the whim of 15 people. In the original proposal submitted to *Newspeak*, section III-E read that the meeting of the Executive Council at which the chairman would be appointed was to be closed. When they were resubmitted, this was crossed out, but this leaves us with an impression of the spirit of these amendments that is much less than favorable.

By whom was it agreed that the Executive Council was qualified to choose the chairperson? Mr. Kent makes the statement that a certain amount of knowledge is necessary to becoming a competent chairman. Does the Executive Council possess this knowledge? Does anyone but the Social Committee? The qualifications should be set up in advance and those candidates allowed to run that meet those qualifications. We have been in favor of this idea all along, contrary to what he and Mr. Carlson imply. The reference to the smoke-filled room was a simile, not an analogy, and was hardly a criticism of the Executive Council, but rather on the process of the appointment. It is a pity that Mr. Kent can so superficially pass such misinformed judgement on an opinion of average student observers. We question the statement in his letter where he states that election of Social Chairman is "little short of a farce." If that is the case, then we are placing the decision in the hands of a body elected in a similar farce, which seems to be no solution at all. If, though, the elections are not a farce, then why take away the power of the vote?

It was not implied that Student Government "go into the concert business," as Mr. Kent mistakenly states. Rather, we expressed concern over placing control of the Social Committee's money in the hands of people unrelated to it. If the Social Chairman is rational enough (hopefully) to make intelligent concert expenditure decisions, why not consider him intelligent enough to manage the finances totally?

Mr. Carlson states that "past experience shows that the Social Committee has provided something for everyone...." This is simply not true; a balance of jazz, for example, with other types of music has yet to be struck this year, the only jazz "concerts" being small, unknown groups in the Wedge. As to his statement about the Fine Arts and Cinematech Committees being appointed positions, Mr. Carlson is in error. Any member of the student body may become a member of these committees by simply signing up for them. As to the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, that has less than anything to do with this: that is an academically oriented committee and does not concern student money.

In short, we believe the Social Committee is producing a load of PR material attempting to justify an extremely poor referendum, both by discrediting our opinion by twisting facts, and by installing one good proposal in the midst of several dangerous ones. This is simply an effort to remove one more choice from the students who pay for it. *Newspeak* remains firmly and unalterably opposed to the passage of the Social Committee referendum until it is rewritten to retain the vote of the student body.

The Editors

A MAN SAID TO THE UNIVERSE:
"SIR, I EXIST!"
"HOWEVER," REPLIED THE UNIVERSE,
"THE FACT HAS NOT CREATED IN ME
A SENSE OF OBLIGATION."

STEPHAN CRANE

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Letters: Pro Soc. Com. idea

To the Editor:

Your announcement of the campus elections on May 12 has destroyed the spontaneity which at WPI has been an election and Spree Day tradition. Faculty members are planning their schedule around them and commuters are planning to avoid the lines in Daniels by going straight to the Wedge. The Student Apathetic Party will be urging non-participation at the polls (which has worked so well in the past) and the Social Committee, now that they know the date, will mark it on their calendar and start campaigning.

Your faith in the democratic process leaves much to be desired. While upholding the student's right to vote, you refer to the Executive Council of Student Government as a "smoke filled room." "It is the right of every student to have a vote in how his or her money is spent." I seriously doubt the assumption that a vote for Peter Kent was a vote for Livingston Taylor.

As for the qualifications of a Social Chairman, they are necessary. To some being on a ballot is a big ego trip, as can be verified by the output of last year's Commuter Representative, running for

office was just to oppose a qualified candidate who otherwise be unopposed. The unqualified Social Chairman, thinking that the job is simply glamour, would find himself up s---creek without a canoe, never mind a paddle.

To Marianne Pinigis who feels that turning the selection process over to the cliquey Student Government would lead to "a concert season of Harry Chapin and the Beach Boys" much to the dismay of those "into Jeff Beck or progressive jazz." Past experience shows that the Social Committee has provided something for everyone and it is doubtful whether the voting process has anything to do with it.

If the democratic process is so great, how come the positions on the Fine Arts Comm. or Cinematech are not voted upon? Who died and made the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects King?

I urge all students, not just the naive ones who believe that their vote counts, to vote YES on the Social Comm. Amendments. This will be your chance to put a stop to a useless process, a waste of time, and the printing of a hundred ballots.

Kevin Carlson
829-3388

To the Editor:

This letter is written in regard to the proposed Social Committee Amendments to the WPI constitution (detailed in the April 19 edition of *Newspeak*). An attempt will be made to establish a common knowledge on campus as to the reasons behind said changes. An effort will also be made to clarify rampant misinformation and distorted logic printed in the editorial section of the April 26 edition of *Newspeak*.

The initial thrust for the amendment came from the Social Committee, and not from the student Government as was implied in *Newspeak*. There was concern primarily about the initial competence of new Social Committee Chairpeople and, as arrangements for concerts and big weekends became more complicated, a certain fundamental knowledge of the music industry (not to mention the WPI concert facilities) was considered necessary. It was felt that the best method of assuring this knowledge was to encourage continuity and experience from year to year.

In order to maintain a coherent Social Committee yet temper criticisms of a possible Social Committee clique it was agreed that the Student Government was qualified to choose the chairperson. The Executive Council could rationally consider the various candidates qualifications. The method of nomination and election described in the amendments was felt to best ensure a good choice. The allusion to smoke filled rooms in the April 26 edition of

Newspeak is unfortunate. This analogy is hardly applicable as the Student Government is elected, quite diverse, and constantly changing. It seems a pity that *Newspeak* can go glibly pass judgment on student organizations.

It was sincerely felt that although the present method of selection via campus elections was indeed the most democratic, it is not best suited to the WPI campus. Experience indicates that the campus-wide election of the Social Committee Chairperson is little short of a farce whereby popularity rather than knowledge is prerequisite for a vote.

Provisions for limited control over expenditures were included in an attempt to bring into line the worst part of the existing system. It should be noted that the required approval is for non-concert expenditures over 500 dollars, eg., Pub stereo, staging, SAB van. It is not intended that the Student Government go into the concert business, as was unfortunately implied in the aforementioned *Newspeak* editorial.

The Social Committee endeavors to present a varied social calendar. However the inadequacies of the present system discourage continuity in leadership and experience from year to year. These two things are considered vital to diverse, appealing social activities on the WPI campus. A chairperson chosen based on his/her qualifications rather than popularity is believed best able to achieve this goal while maintaining a certain amount of control by a separate, elected organization.

Frisbee field defended

To the Editor:

Do any of the people who own cars have brains??? If they did they would know that a frisbee can not possible damage a car. I mean, be serious; a little piece of plastic denting or breaking anything on a 2000 pound piece of metal! Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, and I personally think that Mr. Geishecker is all wet.

I agree with Mr. Geishecker that a baseball can do damage to a car. Baseball,

football, soccer and, softball all have their own designated areas of play. I think that the people who play these games should go to these fields when they want to play and leave the Quad alone. The Quad is not the place for these games, it is a place to play frisbee. The Quad is the frisbee field and all other games should stay off it.

Rick Sysko

IRHC amendment

To the Editor:

On May 12th, elections will be held and one of the referendums will be an amendment to the Internal Residence Hall Committee (IRHC). Having worked with the committee this year I feel the amendment will be of benefit to the students and will help solve some of the housing problems more readily because of the elimination of duplicate effort.

The following are specific reasons why Article X, XI of the Student Body Constitution of 9-24-74 be replaced by the proposed Article X:

1) Presently, the IRHC and Residence Hall Committee have duplicate functions resulting in only the need of one committee to meet.

2) The present IRHC, due to the size of the committee, is cumbersome and difficult to work together as a committee.

3) Because of the size of the committee, consistent attendance is impossible thus

meetings end up to be repetitious in content.

The proposed amendment will:
1) Streamline the committee membership, yet ensure adequate representation on the IRHC.

2) Will eliminate a two committee structure, where only one is needed.

3) Will provide a workable number for a committee system, and allow for cohesiveness among committee members.

I have found it difficult to get to know the people on the committee this year and to develop a working relationship. The proposed amendment, I feel, will allow maximum efficiency and provide an excellent forum for residence hall concerns. Please vote "YES" on the IRHC Referendum on May 12th.

Cynthia B. Bouvier
Chairperson
Residence Hall Committee

Candidate statements

Bob Hart '79

On Tuesday, May 17th, I will be seeking your support for the office of Class President. Next year is a very important one for our class. In order for it to be successful, we need a strong effort from the class officers, as well as the rest of our class.

When you vote next Tuesday, consider carefully those who will shape our junior year. I would appreciate your considering me for Class President.

Thank you
Bob Hart '79'

Jim Manchester '79

On May 17th elections will be held for next year's class officers, and we as sophomores know of the importance that the officers play in the junior year, with its increased activities and responsibilities. For the past two years I have watched the elections come and go, and seen much apathy within the class. This must stop, for we as a class, sooner than we think will have the great responsibilities of the junior year placed in our hands. Only with your participation and a dedicated effort by the elected officers can this task be accomplished.

I won't make "promises", things people say but never keep, but I will say that if elected changes for the betterment of the class as a whole will take place. As your secretary I could assure you that more class meetings would be held, so that the ideas of the whole class rather than a certain few could be heard. These meetings would be adequately announced so that *you* will know when and where they will be held and can plan to attend to voice your opinions. Accurate minutes of the meetings will also be taken, something not done in the past much to my dismay. The office of secretary is important, as will be all the offices next year, and it is a job that I would tackle with dedication and perform to the best of my abilities.

So I ask you to seriously think about the upcoming election, what you *want* and *need* from *your* officers and what the present class officers have done. Then when election day comes along remember me and what I have proposed to you. I need your support, for only elected as your secretary can I serve you.

Jim Manchester
Class of 1979

James Roth '80

This article is to make people aware that I am sincerely interested in becoming next year's (class of '80) president. I can't make any off-handed promises or perform any miracles. What I can say is that this job can't be done sitting down, and it will demand somebody who is willing to devote time to it. I can assure you that I will give it my best shot. I don't intend to do everything on a whim or to my personal tastes. I would get the general feeling of presiding matters through questionnaires or open suggestions. I need not only your vote but your continued help and cooperation in accomplishing goals of the student body.

Sincerely,
James Roth

Vance Spillman '80

The election for student office should not be a popularity contest. A vote should not be cast just because you know the person. Qualifications must be taken into account. At Worcester Tech, what are the qualifications? Each person must decide on their own, but here are some that you may consider.

Enthusiasm should be highly rated on the list of qualifications. Enthusiasm for the office would be an indicator on how much work will be put towards the office. Extreme enthusiasm would do nothing but good. One should also consider how well the candidate would represent the people. This is a judgement more than anything, but keeping this thought in mind could be an aid in making your decision. Probably the two most important qualities you would like to see in a class officer at W.P.I. would be the ability to generate interest and the willingness to take the initiative to start the interest. School politics here don't seem much different than high school. Elected officers do not get the people interested enough, to get involved. This fact should be changed.

My name is Vance Spillman and I am a candidate for Vice President for the class of 1980. I am extremely enthused on doing a good job as vice president. I plan to not only fulfill the duties of office, but to take the initiative and generate interest in the class. I honestly feel that I am the person best suited for the office.

CHB candidates

The following are candidates for the Campus Hearing Board:

Daniel Pouliot
Laura Mattick
Donald Abells
Peter Kujawski
Robert Flynn
Gareth Kucinkas

Stephen Lesniewski
Joseph C. Wall
Serge Molinari
David Potter

Elections will be held on Thursday, May 12th. The ballot box will be located opposite to the bookstore.

make responsible and unbiased judgements. It is my pledge that I will personally see every case brought before the board handled in a fair and just manner.

So when you check your mail Thursday remember to check my name too.

Don Abells for CHB.

Living at Trowbridge

by David Thompson

The WPI housing administration has recently announced plans to renovate Daniels and Morgan Halls this summer, as reported last week in *NEWSPEAK*. This action probably elevates the image of the housing administration in the eyes of the average student. While there is no doubt that these renovations projects are commendable, there is a need to present another aspect of the housing bureaucracy. This story is a less heartening one. It is about the housing of 10 C term freshmen this year at 25 Trowbridge Road.

On our first day at Trowbridge, we immediately noticed two conditions that were in need of immediate attention. A pipe in the attic had broken during Christmas recess, and the ceiling of the second floor was badly damaged. Also, the first and second floor living rooms were without furniture, with the exception of a used green sofa. We were assured by the administration that the ceiling would be repaired immediately, and that furniture was on the way. Some light sockets and wiring were also faulty, but Mr. Gordon Fuller, Manager of Residential Operations, had them taken care of right away.

At this time, we were told that our furniture had been taken by someone to the faculty lounge. We heard nothing else about it. Although we at Trowbridge have no desire to see our professors standing up in their lounge, we are also curious as to how this furniture disappearance is explained in the WPI housing books.

In February of this year, two more damages occurred at 25 Trowbridge. Windows were broken as a result of a snowball fight with 28 Trowbridge, and a

leak started in the second floor bathroom. Reports were made to R.A. George Ferron, who admirably carried out his duty by submitting two work orders to Mr. John Curtiss, who had replaced the ill Gordon Fuller as Manager of Residential Operations. Nothing happened.

In the following six weeks, several work orders were filed periodically by Mr. Ferron. Mr. Leonard Davi of 25 Trowbridge Rd. made three trips to Mr. Curtiss' office, and each time he was told that action would be taken immediately. Mr. Davi finally called the Worcester Board of Health, which sent a man over the next day. Within 24 hours the sink was repaired.

The windows in front of the house are missing as of the printing of this article, despite repeated work orders by Mr. Ferron to Mr. Curtiss.

In yet another unenchanting episode, no action has been taken by Mr. Curtiss to repair the bathroom. Without going into details, the Board of Health was here again two weeks ago. A certain section of the bathroom has been declared a "biological health hazard" by one Board member. Mr. Curtiss has made many promises concerning this, but no action has been taken.

These are not all of the incidents that have occurred at Trowbridge, nor is Trowbridge the only housing on campus to report difficulties with the housing administration. It is sad that students of an institution which costs them five to six thousand dollars a year must resort to the Board of Health before action is taken on bathroom repairs. But if Mr. Curtiss or anyone else thinks that we will stand for leaky sinks and unclean bathrooms, he is mistaken.

IFC Corner: Chi Epsilon

The WPI chapter of Chi Epsilon, the national Civil Engineering honor fraternity, held its spring initiation on May 4th. Inducted were seniors Allan Shear and Brad Bates, and Juniors Michael Ahern, Ann Dyer, William Kelm, Jennifer Pollard, Barry Rogers, Joseph Sage, Patricia Tracy, and William Walton.

New officers are: President, Mike Ahern; Vice-President, Anne Dyer; Secretary-Treasurer, Patricia Tracy; and Associate Editor, Joseph Sage.

Members are required to be in the top third of their Civil Engineering class, as well as showing traits of practicality, sociability, and character.

Miller contest

The Miller Recycling Contest, which started back in March, will be ending this week. This Thursday, May 12th, will be the last pickup. So it's time to get all those cans you've been hiding out of your drawers and closets.

As a note of interest the contest at WPI may be collecting more points per capita of over 100 colleges across the nation. The contest at Holy Cross just ended last week. Phi Sig has turned in almost as many points as all of the dorms at Holy Cross have during the whole contest.

The current standings are as follows. Fraternity Division: Phi Sig is currently in first place, the position they've held since the second week of the contest. In second

place is Kap. They just slipped by Zeta Psi, who is close behind in third place. Sig Ep, who jumped up a few places in the past couple of weeks, are in fourth place. Their problem wasn't getting everyone to drink but was collecting the cans and bottles from everyone's room. They probably would win the contest if they turned in everything lying around their houses. FIJI is in sixth place with ATO in seventh and LCA, only 150 points behind ATO, in eighth position. Theta Chi hasn't really go going yet and their far behind in last place. That wraps it up for the fraternities. In the other division the sorority, Phi Sigma Sigma is leading and Riley is in second. Winners will be announced in next weeks *Newspeak*.

Three house project

Three Worcester Polytechnic Institute fraternities are joining forces with the Parks and Recreation Department to give Institute Park a face lifting this spring. They hope to save the city approximately \$3000 in labor. The city will supply material and two vehicles with drivers.

A sophomore, James H. Miller of Torrington, Conn., is the project coordinator. He estimates that for the work planned, it will take 600 man-hours. Start for the students is scheduled May 13, on four shifts, of approximately four hours.

The project will include repair of three standing gazebos in the park; painting the bandstand; general cleanup of the pond banks, and regrading of paths with gravel and loam.

Coghlin Electric Co. will loan the students a 110-volt AC generator for power

tools. Tools will be supplied by the fraternities except for rakes and shovels. The city will supply asphalt to repair one of the gazebos and two dump trucks for loam and gravel.

Miller has set up a schedule as follows for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Theta Chi and Phi Gamma Delta:

May 13, three men, pre-cut and prime stock for gazebos.

May 14, two, transport materials; four, scrape old paint on bandstand and gazebos; seven, with two trucks unload gravel and loam on paths; 10, rebuild gazebos; 20, rake gravel and loam; 30, clean up Institute Pond; five paint bandstand; three paint gazebos; 60, continue above as new shift, at 1 p.m.

May 15, six complete painting of gazebos.

I am looking for someone willing to help drive and share expenses on a trip to Houston at the beginning of August. Would anyone interested please contact Steven Fine at WPI Box 1038 or call 755-1089?

Acting workshop

Something different

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Plan gets NFS approval

by S.B. Fine

A National Science Foundation Advisory Panel, consisting of Dr. Harold Chestnut of General Electric, Dr. James Davis of Washington University, Mr. James Gunn of Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Dr. Walter Lynn of Cornell University, Mr. Thaddeus Tomkowit of Dupont, and Dr. Martin Trow of University of California at Berkeley, have completed their second year of reviewing the Plan. There was an earlier panel which reviewed the Plan from its inception. The NSF gave WPI money to set up the Plan and they check up on it every year to see how it is progressing.

Newspeak interviewed Dr. James Davis. Dr. Davis said there were two major changes at WPI concerning the Plan since

last year's visit. The first is that there is not as much concern about the competency exam. Dr. Davis also thought that the students were better prepared for the exam. The second big change was in the IQP's. He said they were more structured. They were divided into classifications which helped students select IQP's.

Dr. Davis said that overall the Plan was working. He said it gave good training to the students. Plan students from WPI were better prepared for the world of work. Projects, especially off-campus ones, provide good experience. He liked the emphasis on independence and self-learning. He said the Plan had too many good points to throw it out because of its few weaknesses.

Police blotter

Incidents for week ending April 17, 1977:

On Monday, April 11, 1977 at 2:10 p.m., student reported that between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., the front wheel was taken off his bicycle while parked on the south side of Kaven.

On Monday, April 11, 1977 at 11:15 p.m., student reported that the front wheel of his bicycle was taken off while chained in front of the Salisbury Building.

On Wednesday, April 13, 1977 at 11:15 a.m., student reported the larceny of stereo equipment from his apartment. Later a Hitachi Television and a Texas Instrument calculator were found to be missing - the calculator was later found outside.

On Thursday, April 14, 1977 at 12:10 a.m., student calls re his Honda motorcycle, Conn. Reg. 306583 stolen from the bike rack in back of Higgins. This bike was later recovered at 1:50 p.m. date; on Milton St. in Worc.

On Thursday, April 14, 1977 at 7:30 p.m., student reported a wheel stolen off her bicycle while parked at the lower landing of SB.

On Saturday, April 16, 1977 at 12:20 a.m., student reported that his car had been broken into while parked on the lower Library Lot. Window had been smashed and steering wheel bent.

Incidents for week ending April 24, 1977

On Monday, April 18, 1977 at 6:15 a.m., received call regarding the attempted larceny of a car which he had borrowed. Car had been left unlocked and ignition had been popped - no other damage.

On Monday, April 18, 1977 at 8:45 p.m., a call was received regarding an oriental rug had been taken from inside the front door. This rug was later returned.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1977 at 8:00 a.m., a driver reported to Campus Police that he just scraped a parked car outside of the Campus Police Office on West Street. Car was owned by a student. Slight damage to right rear fender of Mail Van and slight damage to left rear fender of the student's car.

On Thursday, April 21, 1977 at 6:45 p.m., RA of Morgan reported a scuffle had occurred on Morgan 4. Student had to be treated at Hahnemann Hospital. No other info - students never came in re complaint.

On Friday, April 22, 1977 at 10:55 a.m., student of DST - 8 Boynton Street reported that a person had entered their frat house this morning about 7:00 a.m. and took \$12.00 from wallet - this also occurred last Monday when someone took \$28.00. Door had been left open at the Frat House.

New SAB chairman

by S.B. Fine

Tina Tuttle has been elected Chairman of the Student Activities Board. The SAB has been allocated \$3800 more than last year. This money will go for next year's club budgets along with the money the SAB was already receiving from the school. Tina said a much tighter control over budgets

will be maintained this year. The SAB will keep in closer contact with the various clubs. In addition some of the women's sports now supported by the SAB may go varsity and thus come under the athletic department's budget. This will enable the SAB to spread more money among fewer clubs. Tina is also planning on reviewing the by-laws of the SAB.

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REWARD

Taken from the bookstore Thursday, April 28, between 3-4, one thermo CM2102 notebook. This book also contained important IQP data. If you took this book by mistake please let me know. Contact: Dan Casey, Box 910, 756-5656.

Has your group or organization sponsored someone for the first annual ATO seatin' for Epilepsy (pancake eating contest) yet? If not, please do so soon. The event is to be held this Saturday, May 14 at 9 a.m. until 12 noon in Alden Hall.

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The nominating committee's report is submitted herewith. Unless notice in writing is received by Clerk - Secretary Ms. Judith Scherben, WPI Box 1206 prior to the meeting, absence from said meeting will be deemed approval of the slate of officers submitted by the nominating committee by each member. Nominations may be made from the floor in addition to those submitted by the nominating committee provided that for nominations from the floor to be valid a notice signed by not less than seven (7) members giving the name of such nominees be first filed with the Clerk - Secretary (Ms. Judith Scherben, WPI Box 1206) not later than one (1) day prior to the date of the annual meeting.

Signed: Judith Scherben, Clerk - Secty.
H.C. Thompson, Pres. - Chmn.

LEGAL NOTICE:

In accordance with the Consitution and By-Laws of the Goat's Head Club, Inc. (Pub), the nominating committee submits the following names for members of the Pub board in 1977-1978:

Faculty - Staff
Prof. Peter Christopher
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Prof. James Demetry
Prof. Wilhelm Eggmann
Prof. Thomas Keil
Prof. James Matthews
Prof. Alvin Weiss

WPI Students

Chris Corpus
Beth Driscoll
Mike Neece
Tom Panek
Rick Poole
Bill Potter
Mark O'Neill

Respectfully Submitted:
John Nyquist
Dean Bernard Brown
Prof. Lyle Wimmergren

Rent control

by Clifford A. Welch

(CPS) — "Hey man, how ya doin?...Have you found a place to live yet?...neither have I. Neither is off-campus housing ever a blast!"

Any student, Anywhere, USA. Most of us have been through it. Obviously, university and college towns across the nation boast some of the highest rents and lowest vacancy rates. Finding a place to live is the first lesson of many college careers.

Efforts have been tried at various campuses over the years to strengthen the tenants' position in the off-campus housing war, this year, though, there seems to be an influx of student organizing in this regard.

Usually, tenants' unions are formed so that should a landlord commit an injustice or attempt, like suddenly raising the rent or leaving the building a shambles, all the members of the union would rally together to defend the wronged tenant legally and collectively.

In landlord-tenant conflicts have become more frequent and complicated, they have searched for ways to establish new setting down codes of ethics for landlord-tenant relations. The most common move is an attempt to get a local rent control system, setting a ceiling on standard profits.

At the University of California, Berkeley campus, students and concerned townsmen are making a second bid at creating a local rent control ordinance. Their first try was successful — at first. A referendum was placed on the city ballot in 1972, passed and adopted into law. Unfortunately for the tenants of Berkeley, the law was later challenged by real estate and landlord representatives who brought it to the attention of the California Supreme Court, which struck down the ordinance because the original referendum was constitutionally prepared, the court said.

At the time around, the Berkeley Housing Union and the tenants' union in Berkeley were not to make the same mistakes. But better hurry because, as Mary Saal of the NUC Student Lobby explained, there is a "Rent Control Bill" ready to hit the legislature which takes the power of the creation of local rent control out of the community's hands and places it in the State Assembly and Senate. This is a bill sponsored by real estate concerns, Saal said, which would hang-up legislation designed to protect tenant life because each case would have to be decided on by the entire legislature.

Whether there is a hassle concerning the rent of a building or a rent hike, an apartment, usually elected by the community, board of rent control reviewers must decide on the matter.

In Amherst, Mass., at the University of Massachusetts which has an enrollment of 20,000 compared to Amherst's 30,000, community groups and students are preparing for a third try at imposing local rent controls, after a referendum's narrow

defeat last November.

A spokeswoman for the Amherst Tenants Association, explained that their referendum would have rolled rent prices back to June, 1976 rates. This process would have taken two months. During that period landlords would be responsible for registering with the rent control board comprised of five elected members from the community, as established in the referendum. The landlords would have to give their cost figures so the board would review them and come to a conclusion on what a fair rent charge would be. The landlord's cost figure should take into account all expenses made to get the building up to local housing standards, the spokeswoman said, and the landlord would have to prove that the building met those standards.

The basic arguments against rent control center around the fact that under a rent control ordinance, the landlord's profit share is limited. The argument goes well with state legislators, who, invariably have some jurisdiction over community ordinances, in these inflationary times when all forms of business must be encouraged.

Opponents argue that money would have to be appropriated from some source, more than likely property taxes, to support the rent control board. That would hurt landlords. The "con" argument continues: Rent control deters outside investment since investors could see that there was a ceiling on the amount of rent they could charge.

Property values would also decrease, opponents say, because landlords would not be encouraged to make improvements since profits are regulated.

But most of these arguments just don't hold water, as a UC student lobbyist explained. Citing various done in rent control boroughs in such places as New Jersey, New York, Florida and Massachusetts, Saal said:

- there is more housing construction, hence more investments, in rent control areas than in non-rent control areas;
- dwelling abandonment in rent control areas is less frequent;
- bankers did not give as a reason for holding up home loans local rent control regulations.

There is also rent control activity at the University of Colorado at Boulder and at Boise State University in Idaho.

However, rent control and/or landlord-tenant legislation is not seen as necessary in all large student dominated towns. At the University of Texas at Austin, a spokesman for the local tenants' union said that rents are not at all outrageous and that the availability of housing suits the demand.

At Wayne State, Michigan and at Rutgers University in New Jersey, also schools with large enrollments, the story is similar to that of UT at Austin. But where there are rental problems near colleges and universities it appears students are working vigorously with the community to find solutions.



Controlling landlords

by Ken Stern

(CPS) — It was not a pleasant ending to Mary Capito's vacation.

Mary was returning home, feeling relaxed and happy. As she loped up the stairs to her apartment, Mary made a mental note to pay her rent since it was already three days overdue. But approaching her front door, she quickly found out that wouldn't be necessary; she was greeted by a padlock and note which read, "Due to your failure to pay the rent on time, we have evicted you and have taken custody of your possessions."

Strange but true. It happens everyday in countless cities even though most states have banned the practice, whose legal moniker is "forcible entry and detainer." It may be a throwback to the days of powdered wigs and "six gun justice," but landlord hassles are still as common these days as acne, especially in student communities where the transient population causes a high rental turnover.

But relief from unscrupulous landlords is not hard to come by, if students would always keep in mind a few simple principles. The first commandment of landlord-tenant relations is, "Thou shalt always carefully read thy lease, especially the fine print." Landlords will often try and slip in outrageous responsibilities or disclaimers including provisions which allow a landlord to take all your possessions if your rent is just five days late.

If, before signing your lease, you discover any such outlandish clauses, make sure they're crossed out and then signed by the landlord, unless you feel no particular attachment to your wordly possessions.

One other problem area for tenants — students especially — is the gloomy region of security deposits. The biggest racket in town isn't numbers running or interstate car theft, but rather the Great American Security Deposit Swindle. In most cases, when an apartment is rented the tenant is required to place a security deposit with the landlord which is supposedly designed to cover any damage caused by the renter during the period of tenancy. The rules say this deposit will be refunded when the tenant moves on. But that's not what always happens, even if the tenant leaves

the place spotless. In reality, getting your money back is about as easy as saying "no" to an insurance salesman.

Landlords realize that most people, not to mention busy, transient students, won't take legal action even if they're "stiffed" on their hard-earned cash. The landlord's modus operandi is to refund the money only after the tenant has initiated a lawsuit and seems determined to follow it through, which is one reason why legal action is so effective in this area.

So, if your landlord is doing the security deposit shuffle, sashay down to your local small claims court and file an action. Most people don't realize how simple a procedure this is: the forms require little more than a working knowledge of English — lawyers are not even allowed!

But before you make like Melvin Belli, be sure to check the local law regarding what is called "to notice" requirements which usually only involves sending the landlord an official letter demanding the return of your money.

These problems highlight the fact that tenants have historically been abused due to inadequate legal safeguards and the lack of strong tenant organizations.

Tenant unions have not proliferated mainly because of the dogged attempts of landlords to neutralize them. The latest tactic for example, is to use expensive lawsuits based on antiquated laws to bludgeon tenant unions into submission.

This maneuver is currently being waged by powerful landlords against Boston's city-wide Tenants First Coalition (TFC). Max Kargman, one of Boston's largest landlords whose fiefdom includes students, has slapped a multi-million dollar lawsuit against TFC based on an ancient civil conspiracy law which most people felt had died a natural death decades ago.

The idea from the landlord's point of view is to divert the organization's energy from tenant organizing to defending against the lawsuit. Many tenant unions across the country have focused their attentions, and in some cases money, on the Kargman lawsuit, the result of which will have a monumental impact on tenant organizing for many apartment hunters in the future.

Eating in the dorms

(CPS) — Students holding their stomachs and moaning and groaning about the alleged food served in their dorms will be heartened by Terry Fisher's new cookbook.

Fisher, 21, a student at the University of Virginia, has written a cookbook aimed at dorm dwellers. Its title is "The International Student's Guide to Cooking Without Getting Caught." In it, she outlines handy methods for preparing dorm room cuisine with only a thermos, an iron, and a hot pot for boiling water.

Fisher says it is possible to grill a cheese sandwich with the iron, cook macaroni in

the thermos and to make fruit crunches, bread and casseroles in the hot pot.

To make grilled cheese sandwiches, Fisher advises students wrap the sandwich in foil, set the iron on "cotton", and place the iron on top of the sandwich as if it were a handkerchief, being careful not to squeeze the sandwich. For macaroni, put boiling water and pasta in the thermos and let it sit for an hour. As for casseroles, desserts, and breads, Fisher says cook them by placing the ingredients in a tin can, covering it with foil, and putting it in the hot pot with boiling water and steaming it for an hour or more. Voila! A repeat unmatched in any two-bit college cafeteria.

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Track finishes strong

by 'Bake'

The WPI track squad ended their 1977 encounters with a 105-44 victory over Trinity College of Hartford Conn. The host Engineers simply overpowered Trinity, the team which accounted for one of two ties (a track rarity) suffered by WPI last season. Coach Merl Norcross lit up his victory cigar for the seventh time this year against only one loss. The team was once again led by Mr. Everything John Barghout. The sophomore from Milton, Mass. closed out the season in style by winning the long jump (21'4") and 100 yd. dash (10.2) as well as taking seconds in the triple jump and the 220 yd. dash. John also did a beautiful forward roll after his leg of the 440 yd. relay! Mark McCabe provided the spark for the weight men with a 150'7" hammer throw and a put of the shot 45'11", outdistancing the field in both events. Randy Wheeler grabbed wins in his specialties, the 120 HH and 440 IH. Frank Leahy finally gave WPI a win in the mile with his 4:28.8 pace followed closely behind by the Szkutak brothers, Dave and Ed. Bruce Jenket proved that it pays to be in love as he edged out the co-capt., Chris Owen, in the 880. The others on the winning parade were Ralph Marrone with a fine 12'6" pole vault, John Holland heaving the javelin 173'2", John Turpin's second straight 3 mile win, and Russ Murray edging out a 22.6 victory in the 220. Russ also finished second in the 100. John Neilon and Paul Fearnside took a second and a third each for the day's efforts.

The meet was marked by a couple of not so notable relay runs. Barghout's dive in the 440 relay was matched perfectly by the Trinity runner, both teams being disqualified and five points going for naught. In the mile relay WPI kept its perfect record intact... by losing once again. Though a number of combinations

were tried this year by coach Norcross the mile relay team could not win the blasted event.

This meet marked the completion of track careers at WPI for five seniors. Coach Norcross related that "Pete Sherer, Chris Owen, Jim Howe, Pete Kane, and Chris Baker will be missed". Aside from that last guy it is probably true. The class of 1977 has compiled a record of 36-6-2, one of the finest at WPI and one which the seniors should look at with pride! The co-captains Pete Sherer and Chris Owen have provided fine leadership through their examples. Pete has paced the discus throwers for four years culminating with his record shattering performance this season. Chris battled everyone in the 440 for three years then an injury forced him to switch to the 880 this season. When his hamstring did heal he began to look impressive in that event also but the season ended too soon. Jim Howe has been the picture of consistency with his high jumping improving each season including his best leap on the last meet of his career. Pete Kane has run 1 mile, 2 miles, 3 miles, and 26 miles during his tenure at WPI. The last one, the Boston Marathon, put him out of commission for the rest of this year. But he has run behind some of the finest runners in WPI's history, (Briggs, Murphy) and kept plugging away. His three mile efforts were showing results this year when he opted for the marathon, which he finished quite well in.

The seniors didn't do it all alone of course as year in and year out coach Norcross does an exceptional job of rounding the bodies into a well rounded unit. So while many of WPI's struggle for a winning season the tracksters deserve a pat on the back for their continued success. No, winning isn't the only consideration, but we do keep score and the WPI track team can usually be found at the top!

WPI VS. Trinity

Hammer: 150'7" — McCabe (WPI), Poulin (T), Manake (T).
Shot: 45'11" — McCabe (WPI), Mather (T), Lesser (WPI).
Long Jump: 21'4" — Barghout (WPI), MacInnes (T), Roux (WPI).
Javelin: 173'2" — Holland (WPI), Fearnside (WPI), Rhealut (WPI).
Pole Vault: 12'6" — Marrone (WPI), Worthington (WPI), Bucklin (T).
Mile: 4:28.8 — Leahy (WPI), Szkutak, D. (WPI), Szkutak, E. (WPI).
120 High Hurdles: 15.3 — Wheeler (WPI), Wong (T), Neilon (WPI).
440: 51.6 — Keves (T), Morris (WPI), Fearnside (WPI).

Discus: 147'11" Mather (T), Sherer (WPI), Poulin (T).
100: 10.2 — Barghout (WPI), Murray (WPI), Lines (T).
High Jump: 6'3" — MacInnes (T), Howe (WPI), Panora (WPI).
880: 2:01.2 — Junket (WPI), Owen (WPI), Sherwood (T).
220: 22.6 — Murray (WPI), Barghout (WPI), Thomas (T).
Triple Jump: 43'7 1/2" — MacInnes (T), Barghout (WPI), Neilon (WPI).
3 Mile: 14:57.1 — Turpin (WPI), Guillimenetic (WPI), Horgan (WPI).
440 Intermediate Hurdles: 56.6 — Wheeler (WPI), Neilon (WPI), Wong (T).
Mile Relay: 3:33.4 Trinity, WPI.
440 Relay: WPI disq., Trinity disq.

Eastern's effort

by 'Bake'

The WPI track team sent seven men to compete in the Easterns at Westfield State College Saturday with some "ne results. This meet pits the best track athletes in Division II and III in New England. Mark McCabe led things off for WPI improving his own school record in the hammer, with a heave of 164'6". Unfortunately, New England is the home of the finest hammer throwers in the country as a winning toss of 198'9" will attest. Mark didn't place nor did his brother who throws for Bowdoin and just edged Mark out in this meet with a throw of 167'4". Pete Sherer was one of two WPI athletes to pick up any points with his discus toss of 151'5". The co-capt. placed fifth, not too far from the winning heave of 158'9". Randy Wheeler took home WPI's laurels with a school performance in

the 440 yd. IH. Randy set the new mark in the trials as he blazed to a time of 55.8. However he couldn't repeat in the finals coming in sixth. John Barghout was the best finisher the Engineers could muster taking a fourth in the 220 yd. dash. His time of 23.3 was a full second behind the winner. The others who made the trip did their best but came short. Russ Murray made the finals in the 100 yd. dash but was unable to take a place against a tough field. Mike Murphy, still recovering from his Boston Marathon, came in sixth in the 6 mile with a time of 31:53.8. This was a good deal behind the winner, Richardson from MIT, who set a meet record of 28:59.2. The final WPI competitor was John Neilon who just missed out the finals of the 120 HH. Still congratulations go to all these tracksters.

Crew tough in N.E. Open

by Barry-Nerd

Last Saturday WPI's varsity four, junior varsity four, and freshmen four won their respective races at the New England Open. A strong tail wind provided some very fast times, but also caused some problems. A boat, when in a tail wind, does not "set up" easily and is more likely to "catch a crab." Catching a crab occurs when an oarsmen, while pulling his blade through the water, does not keep his blade perpendicular to the water surface.

The Tech varsity four crew did an excellent job of holding off Coast Guard and Conn. College. The fast race ended in a close sprint between the three crews. Coast Guard, while in second place, caught a bad crab with 50 meters to go, forcing them to stop rowing. Conn. College pulled into second, where they remained, a length behind the strong Tech crew, for the remainder of the race.

Wally Catanach, the stroke for the Tech varsity four, rowed with a sprained ankle. Because of Wally's injury the four had only two days workout as a unit. Their cox, Tina Tuttle, said that they did a power 10 at the 750 meter mark, which put them in the lead. They never relinquished their first place spot. Tina went on to say that they had only one problem. With 10 strokes to go they caught two crabs, one right after another.

The men's junior varsity four, in addition to winning their race, got top honors for

The boats were as follows:

Freshmen Four: Bow-Dave Bowers, 2-Jay Feenan, 3-Bob Yule, stroke-Doug Muth, cox-Herb Dunnington.

Junior Varsity Four: Bow-Bob Yule, 2-Scott Booth, 3-Bill White, stroke-Frank Aquadro, cox-Tina Tuttle.

Varsity Four: Bow-George Wespi, 2-Brian McCarthy, 3-Russ Warnock, stroke-Wally Catanach, cox-Tina Tuttle.

Women's Four: Bow-Barbara Anderson, 2-Grace Crooker, 3-Joanne Beckett, stroke-

most crabs in a race. Despite the ten crabs they caught, they beat the strong Coast Guard crew. The Tech crew had a long and a half lead at the 750 meter mark, but when they started catching crabs, and they regained it for the win. Coast Guard made last minute attack, but could not catch the quick Tech boat.

Of all the Tech boats, the freshmen four had the biggest margin of victory. They beat Conn. College by lots of open water. The freshmen came up with some interesting problems. In addition to catching crabs, they managed to get an oarlock undo itself.

WPI's light eights had a disappointing day. The junior varsity eight failed to qualify. In the varsity race Tech finished fourth while Conn. College beat Coast Guard by a foot and a half, the closest of the day.

The women's four, which was defeated going into Saturday's race, lost a very strong MIT boat. The Tech women managed second, passing another MIT boat with ten strokes to go.

This Thursday the crew team will leave for Philadelphia, which is where the D. Vail Regatta is held. WPI will be represented by a junior varsity light eight, varsity light eight, frosh four, and varsity four. The women's four will stay in Worcester for the Women's Eastern Spring Regatta which will be held on Lake Quinsigamung this Sunday.

Alicia Murphy, cox-Chip Saccoccio.

Junior Varsity Eight: Bow-Doug Elliott, Bruce Rotker, 3-Jim Gobes, 4-Tom Stone, 5-Dave Johnson, 6-Steve Kapurch, 7-W Emmett, stroke-Moon Clancy, cox-Carl Kerla.

Varsity Eight: Bow-Jack Tracy, 2-Fran Luttazi, 3-Fran Madigan, 4-Pete Clapp, Skip Merrell, 6-Jack Morrison, 7-E Hedberg, stroke-Pierre Fleurant, cox-Tina Taylor.

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Baseball's final week

by SAFA

Well with one week left to WPI's short baseball season the team stands at 5-8. Pretty poor actually. What makes it worse is that there are 5 games to play in one week and all against the hardest teams in the league. Monday is Bentley, Wednesday is Brandeis, Friday is Northeastern and Saturday is a doubleheader against Amherst. Any game that WPI wins will be a major upset although WPI really does expect to win two or three.

As for last week WPI lost 3-1 to Suffolk. Paul Josephson gave up all 3 runs on just 2 hits and a walk. Again the defense allowed the runs to score with two WPI errors. Josephson went on the strike out 14 men but did not yield another run. But WPI could have only 5 hits as Dan Poulliot got 3, Scott Farrel and Gary Sowyrda the other. It was when the hits could not be strung together that the big hit was just never there. For Tech women's sample WPI had two on in the ninth but a pitcher ended that.

Saturday the gweepers from MIT rolled in. This was the second team WPI played here the Duffin under 500 record and the chances WPI will sweep were there. But for the two light games WPI managed only 7 hits and got a hit in the first games Scott Farrel drove in stay in WPI. Fernandes who had tripped with a term Sprinkle fly. Gary Sowyrda and Bob Luinsigame both homered later in the game insurance runs. Don Maki whirled a two to get his second win. In the second game WPI could get only two off field hits and lost 1-0. Young Dave "Dull" Busch hit a two hitter also. The lone run

came in the third inning on a bad hop single with two outs. Scott Farrel and Tim Dean had WPI's two hits. The story of the day was WPI's pitching. The teams ERA is remarkable low as Josephson, Maki, and Busch and Rowden all have impressive stats.

The teams problem is its anemic hitting. A .204 batting average leaves much to be desired. What can you do? You can't make some one hit. It's tough for a pitcher to go out there thinking he might loose 1 to 0. Really its pretty poor.

Anyway one big week left, if WPI gets to the .500 mark it will make the whole season worthwhile. Bently and Northeastern are the last home games. Lets see WPI end with a few big games.

Note to the Readers — I have been told that my rag on articles were in bad taste, old hat, and not particularly funny. Hence the article like the above are the result. No more work dumping on the Gam or on Duback or anything. If anybody agrees or disagrees either write the editor of the paper or tell me. I figure the ones who don't like them are the gweepers and the Gamm, and those are the only ones who'd write anything, so this probably won't work. If the articles I write have to be straight forward then someone else can take over this job because writing stuff like this: "John got a hit. He went to first. Dan struck out. Dave pitched well and we won. It was fun." Well that's dull and anybody can write that.



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Four straight

by J. Gordon Gregory

Anyone wandering down to the softball field to watch the girls play on Wednesday, April 27, might have noticed that the game going on wasn't softball at all, but Lacrosse. Due to a mixup in scheduling, Lacrosse action delayed the start of the softball game against Bryant for over an hour. If you came to see balls being hit by sticks, you saw instead heads being hit with sticks. Seriously, Lacrosse is an excellent game and deserves more attention and spectators than it gets, a situation that is shared by all the teams that play on this field.

While waiting for the Lacrosse game to end, I took a walk around the perimeter of the field and noticed that a few changes to the softball infield had been made. Readers of the softball article of two weeks ago should be pleased to hear that all of the sub-standard conditions have been corrected. Many thanks to those who caused the work to be done, and to those who actually did it; it is appreciated.

It was after five by the time the game against Bryant started. Bryant's starting pitcher looked impressive during warmup, but luckily she did not produce under the pressure of a game. WPI got off to a slow start, but in the fourth we caught fire and came with four big runs, never to trail again. Bryant's pitcher fell apart and was replaced, and things went very poorly for Bryant for the remainder of the game. Freshman first baseman Leslie Knepp was the star of the day with four hits, including a triple and a double. Also, Tech's strongest pitcher, Freshman Nancy Convard, went the entire game, never giving the opposition's offense a respectable chance. The game ended in near darkness as a result of the late starting time, and no one on the Tech bench was unhappy with the 20-7 final score.

The following day the WPI girls travelled to Becker's home field to take on our in-

famous neighbors. It was a hitter's field and Sophomore Diane Curren led Tech's hitters with three home runs. Ace left fielder Mary Donovan also had a good day with four hits to help WPI defeat Becker 16-9. It was much the same story on Friday, April 29, when WPI hosted another neighbor, Holy Cross. The Cross did not have a very strong team and our girls were never very much in trouble. The Holy Cross women did manage a six run sixth, but Tech came back swinging in the bottom of the inning and scored an outrageous ten runs. Grad student Diane Gramer pitched well and kept the lid on till the end to let WPI win 17-10.

Weather caused cancellation of last Monday's away game with Bryant; while it spared them the humiliation of being defeated on their home turf, it also destroyed WPI's chances of bettering last year's 6-2 record. The following Thursday, weather was again a threat, but the game at Regis was played on schedule. A good thing it was, too, as the WPI women played what was probably their best game of the season. The entire team had a good day, but standouts were pitcher Nancy Convard, who gave as few walks as she has in any game this year, and Sophomore right fielder Sandy Dorr, who also put in more than her share in this game. It was a team effort, though, that put Tech on top in the end, 11-3.

With WPI's record at 5-2, the girls are looking for a win over Becker Jr. College here on Monday, May 9. The game will already have been played as you read this, and hopefully many of you will also have seen it. In any case, a large turnout is being hoped for as of this writing, and a full report will be in next week's *Newspeak*. WPI has now won four straight with hopes to make Becker the fifth on Monday — it will make Spree Day a true celebration!

Tennis anyone?

by Wazoo

Well, the top of the ladder finally got their games together as the WPI tennis team came up with a win against Nichols College. Scoring big singles victories were Paul Carvalho, Ken Steinhardt, Brian Hallett, and Peter Sharpe. The match was wrapped up in the doubles as the teams of Hallett-sharpe, and bob Desourdis-Larry Coel prevailed. Gags for the day go to Bob Desourdis for losing his third set in singles in a sudden death tie-breaker, and to the number 1 doubles team of Steinhardt-Carvalho who lost the deciding set of their match by a score of 11-9 to the two opponents that they each had beaten in singles. There is no truth whatsoever to the rumor that the match was won because usual starter Al Masse could not be present for the match. Likewise there is no truth to the rumour that the entire team will wear FIJI shirts during the next home match.

This past Wednesday, things did not fare as well as Lowell University swept all

singles matches to win easily. Brian Hallett did have a very clear match to make it respectable however. Ken Steinhardt was the lone spectator, as he is out for the rest of the season with a torn shoulder ligament.

I have to put in a good word for the JV team, who are having a winning season while the varsity players are off drowning their sorrows. They should be drowning them even more on Saturday after playing powerhouse Brandeis University while Al Masse is off in Maine wearing his funny hat.

In any case, the tennis team finishes its season against AIC, a team that even Dan Curback could win a match against. Hopefully, we will pick up some new talent next year, as the four returning varsity players next year are comprised of 1 KAP, 1 SAE, and 2 Lambda Chi's, definitely a hurting group. We would like to congratulate Dan Durbak for catching 3 consecutive fly balls against Coast Guard.

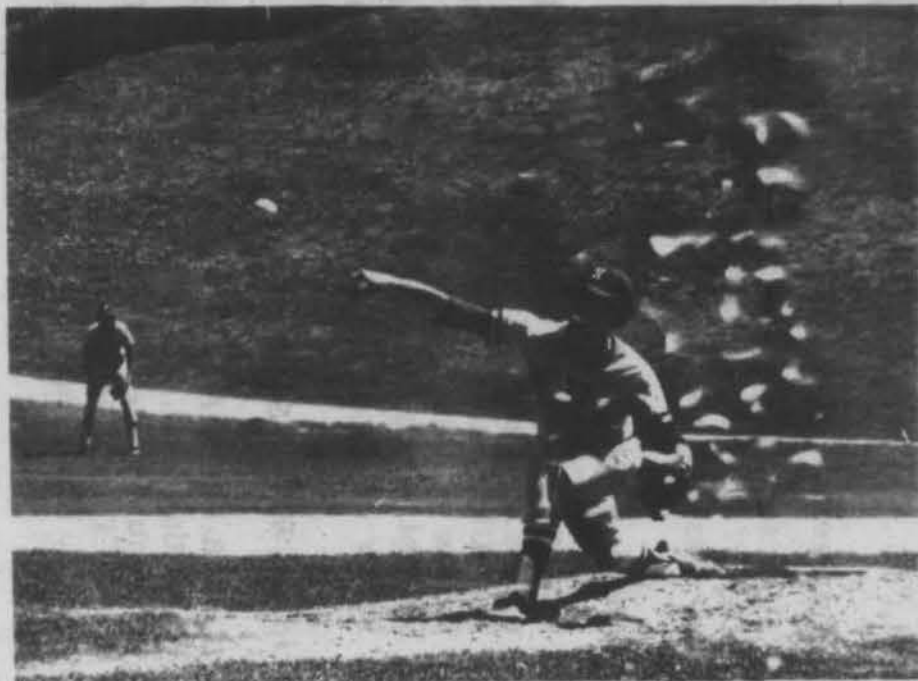


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What's Happening?

Wednesday, May 11

JV Track vs. Worcester Academy, away, 2:30 p.m.
Department Heads Meeting, Archives Room, 3:00 p.m.
JV Baseball vs. Leicester Jr., home, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 12

Student Elections (Campus Hearing Board—Referendums), Daniels Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tech Old Timers "Ladies Day," Seminar Room, 10 a.m.
Tennis vs. AIC, away, 3:00 p.m.
Special Acting Workshop for beginners, Higgins 109, 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Senior Night At the Pub, "Ray Boston."

Friday, May 13

Lens & Lights Movie — "The Nine Lives of Fritz the Cat," 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. — Alden Hall, Admission \$1.00.
Commuter meeting at 11 a.m. in SL 104.
Crew, Dad Vail Regatta, Philadelphia. (thru 5-14).
Track, New England Championships, U.Mass (thru 5-14).

Saturday, May 14

"Eatin' for Epilepsy," sponsored by ATO in Alden 9 a.m.-noon.
Baseball vs. Amherst (doubleheader), away 1 p.m.
Mideast Night to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Assoc., Alden Hall, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 15

Senior Class Dinner Dance — Chateau DeVille — Framingham.
Crew, Women's Eastern Sprints, Lake Quinsigamond.
Indian Movie, Alden Hall, 3 p.m.

Monday, May 16

Faculty Dinner, Alden Hall, 7:30 p.m. (cocktails at 6:30)
Masque Presents "Not I" by Samuel Beckett, Gordon Library Seminar Room 8:30 p.m. (thru 5-18).

Tuesday, May 17

Student Elections (Independent and Commuter Reps —Class Elections), Daniels Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Graduation Rehearsal, Harrington Auditorium, 11 a.m. (Pub opens at noon for seniors)
WPI Business Women's Club, annual business meeting, Higgins House, noon.
Varsity Sports Banquet, Morgan Hall, 6:45 p.m.
SIM Graduation, School of Industrial Management, Kinnicutt Hall, 7:30 p.m. (dinner, Higgins House, 5:30).



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